REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-41, 45-92 and 96 are cancelled with this Response. Claims 42-44 and 93-95 remain in the application. Applicants note with appreciation Examiner Muralidar's statement that claims 42-44 and 93-95 are allowable.

In view of the above amendments, these remarks, and Examiner Muralidar's statement of allowability, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims present allowable subject matter in allowable form. A notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

PILGRIM G. W. BEART ET AL

By: Warner Norcross & Judd LLP

/Dustin H. Shunta/ Dustin H. Shunta Registration No. 56,507 900 Fifth Third Center 111 Lyon Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2487 (616) 752-2194